

NOTICE FOR CHANGE IN DIRECT LABOR MULTIPLIER

Effective for the DIRECT LABOR MULTIPLIER METHOD OF COMPENSATION:

FOR PROJECTS SELECTED AFTER MARCH 1, 2004 THE DIRECT LABOR MULTIPLIER USED FOR THE PRIME AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROJECTS WILL BE **2.80** IN THE COMPENSATION EQUATION:

$$DLM = [(2.80 + R) \times \text{direct labor}] + \text{direct costs}$$

R= complexity factor given in the advertisement.

IF THE PROJECT WAS SELECTED PRIOR TO MARCH 1, 2004 THE DIRECT LABOR MULTIPLIER FOR ALL PRIME AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT IS AS FOLLOWS:

Phase 1 and 2 Primes and supplements for projects selected prior to PTB 127-3.0 (except Phase 2 of Phase 1/Phase 2 projects authorized after May 21, 2003)

Phase 3 primes for projects selected prior to PTB 127-2.80

All Primes and supplements for projects selected on PTB 127 or later and Phase 2 of Phase 1/Phase 2 projects authorized after May 21, 2003- 2.85

NOTICE

All IDOT required Consultant forms have been revised and are now available on the internet (<http://www.dot.il.gov/desenv/consult.html>).

These forms are required for all submissions to the department occurring on and after October 1, 2004. If you have any questions please call Cheryl Cathey at (217) 782-7557.

NOTICE

Statements submitted by Joint Ventures will be considered beginning with PTB 134. The Joint Venture Agreement signed by all parties must be included with the statement of interest. The Joint Venture entity will have the sum of the individual firm's prequalification, capacity and evaluation history.

The required insurance coverage applies to the Joint Venture entity.

The Joint Venture entity will submit one statement of interest with the following specified:

- the party who will be the managing firm
- the firm responsible for each prequalification category
- each individual firm's work left and disclosure forms.
- the firm responsible for invoicing
- One Exhibit A plus other required documents specified in the PTB combining the information for all firms.

A firm planning to submit a Statements of Interest as a joint venture should contact the department for a new Statements of Interest Code. E-mail Carrie Kowalski at kowalskicl@dot.il.gov.

NOTICE

Upgrade of Microstation and Geopak

The Illinois Department of Transportation is upgrading the CADD environment to Microstation and Geopak Version 8.5.X.

The tentative schedule for the conversion is from August 2004 through March 2005. The District order may be revised so Consultants should contact the District to verify the conversion date.

2004

District 2: August 9 – 13
District 6: August 23 - 27
District 3: September 13 - 17
District 1: September 27 - October 8
District 4: October 18 - 22
District 5: November 15 - 19
District 7: December 6 – 10

2005

District 8: January 3 – 7
District 9: January 24 - 28
Bridge Office/OP&P: February 14 - 18
Aerial Surveys/D&E: February 28 - March 4

The version of Microstation/Geopak to be used to prepare deliverables will be determined by the status of the conversion for the district affected and will be negotiated with each district contract.

Microstation Version 7 and Geopak 2001 will be supported until further notice.

Questions concerning contracts and/or the conversion should be addressed to the appropriate District.

NOTICE

Consultant Performance Evaluations

Policy for engineering consultant firms performing less than satisfactory on Final Evaluations.

Final Evaluation	Action	Duration
Receives 1 needs improvement in a prequalification category	Suspended from submitting a Statement of Interest requiring the evaluated category* (and any higher level category in the same work type)***	1-year
Receives 1 poor in a prequalification category	Suspended from submitting a Statement of Interest requiring the evaluated category* (and any higher level category in the same work type)***	5-years

A consultant firm receiving two less than satisfactory final evaluations in the same category in a 5 year period will also lose prequalification.

Final Evaluation	Action	Duration
Receives 2 needs improvement in a prequalification category	Loss of prequalification in that category.	1-year
Receives 2 poor in a prequalification category	In addition to the loss of prequalification in that category for 1 year. Suspended from submitting a Statement of Interest requiring the evaluated category.* (and any higher level category in the same work type)*** From date of second offense.	5-years

*This also includes subconsultant work.

*** For example: If the final evaluation is poor in Structures (Highway: Simple), the firm will be suspended from submitting Statements of Interest for all structure categories. If the poor final evaluation is in Structures (Highway: Typical), the firm would not be suspended from submitting for Structures (Highway: Simple).

NOTICE For Prequalification of Consultants & DBE Revisions

Prequalification:

As stated in each Professional Transportation Bulletin under the guidelines:

Consultant firms acting as prime must be prequalified in all of the advertised areas listed in the project advertisement even if they plan to subcontract part of the project, except where noted in a specific project advertisement. If the prime is not prequalified in the required category(s) stated in the project advertisement, that firm's Statements of Interest cannot be considered for the item.

Within the Statements of Interest (Exhibit A page 3 of 3) the prime must identify any subconsultants and the item(s) of work they will perform. Subconsultants must be prequalified in the category of work they will be performing.

Also as stated in the Standard Agreement Provisions: 2.24 SUBLETTING, ASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFER:

Subconsultants must be prequalified in accordance with the department requirements. For specialized services that are required but which do not fall into the areas of prequalification of the department, a non-prequalified firm may be used with department approval.

DBE Participation:

The U.S. DOT regulation, 49CFR Sec. 26.55(a), states, "When a DBE participates in a contract, you count only the value of the work actually performed by the DBE toward the DBE goals." The IDOT and U.S. DOT regulations further state:

When a DBE subcontracts part of the work its contract to another firm, the value of the subcontracted work may be counted toward DBE goals only if the DBE's subcontractor is itself a DBE. Work that a DBE subcontracts to a non-DBE firm does not count toward DBE goals.

Effective immediately all subconsultant proposals where a DBE is utilized for the main contract and it is necessary for them to obtain non professional services which would be listed as a direct cost, the amount of those services will not apply to the DBE goal. For example if a DBE geotechnical firm is being used and they use a non-DBE drilling company to do the borings, the cost for this work will not apply to the DBE goal.

However any direct costs incidental to doing the work, per diem, hotel costs etc. will still counted toward the goal.

NOTICE

ALLOWABLE DIRECT COSTS

The allowable direct costs will be effective February 1, 2005.

The following costs are allowable when requested by the Department and included in the contract. The costs are allowable when it is customary for the firm to bill for the cost and it can be itemized in the firm's billing and accounting systems.

Per Diem	Conus Rate (Maximum)
Lodging	Conus Rate (Maximum)
Air Fare	Coach rate with 2 weeks notice as approved
Vehicles	
Mileage	federal travel rate* maximum
Daily Rate (owned or leased the same)	\$36 /day- District 1 \$32/day- downstate
Overtime	Premium portion
Tolls	Actual Cost
Film and Film Processing**	Actual Cost
Overnight Delivery/Postage Courier Service	Actual Cost
Copies of Deliverables and Mylars	Actual Cost
Specific insurance – required for project	Actual Cost
CADD	Actual Costs (Maximum of \$15.00/Hr)
Monuments – Permanent	Actual Cost
Payment for Newspaper Ads	Actual Cost
Web Site	Actual Cost
Facility Rental for Public Meetings & Exhibits/Renderings & AV equipment/transcriptions	Actual Cost
Recording fees	Actual Cost
Courthouse fees	Actual Cost
Testing of Soil Samples	Actual Cost
Lab Services (excluding Phase III normal construction inspection such as beam breaks, cylinder breaks, pavement cores)	Actual Cost
Equipment rental specific for a project (snooper for bridge inspection, noise meter, etc.)	Actual Cost
Specialized equipment – on an as needed basis with prior approval	Actual Cost
Traffic Systems	Actual Cost
Mobile Phone (for traffic system implementation)	
Telephone Usage (for traffic system monitoring)	
Storm sewer cleaning and televising	Actual Cost
Traffic control and protection	Actual Cost
Aerial photography and mapping	Actual Cost
Utility exploratory trenching	Actual Cost

NOTICE

ALLOWABLE DIRECT COSTS

- * website for Conus and federal rates
<http://policyworks.gov/org/main/mt/homepage/mt/perdiem/travel.shtml>
- ** Use of digital cameras verses film cameras is encouraged when firms own digital cameras and the discussion of their use will be part of the negotiations. Film & copies will be reimbursed at actual costs.
- On all agreements authorized after January 1 2005, GPS Equipment is considered tools of the trade.

PHASE III

Phase III Communications:

Cell Phones (maximum of 3 without additional approval. Personal phones that do not remain on the job site are not allowable) \$70/month/phone (Maximum)

radio communication

Actual Cost

2-way radio

Actual Cost

Vehicles (Only for Vehicles assigned to project)

\$36 /day- District 1

DAILY RATE ONLY

\$32/day- downstate

The number of days will be calculated as follows:

For extended stay **- Number of days on job site plus one day to travel to and from job site

Weekly (hotel) –Number of days on job site plus one day to travel to and from job site per week.

Actual cost based on
firm policy

Shift Differential

* **Extended Stay Status applies to individuals on the project over 20 consecutive working days . The decision whether individuals will stay over the week-end will be made after the Contractor's schedule is available and shall be made jointly by the Consultant Liaison and the IDOT Resident.

NOTES:

For Construction inspection contracts beam and cylinder breaks are not reimbursable. Overtime to employees traveling to and from the site will be allowable depending on the firms policy and limited to the Department's policy (see Departmental Order 4-1).

NOTICE
Construction and Quality Assurance Consultants
S 33- Geotechnical Field Testing and Inspection Class

Professional Transportation Bulletin 117 included a notice that S 33 is a required class for technicians performing soil tests on construction projects. This includes consultant personnel providing Construction Inspection or Quality Assurance Testing on Department projects. The Department will schedule sessions of this class after determining the demand. Below is a description of the class and sign-up information.

Course Objectives

The student will be able to do the following: 1. Determine the Standard Dry Density and Optimum Moisture content of soil or soil mix according to AASHTO T 99. 2. Determine in-place density in accordance with approved test procedures. 3. Select the correct soil curve by the use of a one-point proctor and/or textural classification of the soils. 4. Determine the moisture content of a soil by either laboratory or field methods. 5. Perform validity checks of the soils test results. 6. Report test results in accordance with departmental requirements.

Prerequisites

1. One year of college level technical training or six months experience, or consent of the course instructor;
2. High school math, including ability to calculate percentages.

Course Length

Two Days, including written examination.

Cost

There is no cost to consultants.

Location

District One, District Eight, and other locations determined by demand.

Schedule

As determined by demand; late fall, winter, and early spring.

To Register

Mail or Fax a note or e-mail Brad Risinger in the Technical Training Unit. For each proposed registrant, provide name, firm name, address, phone, FAX and e-mail. Please list multiple registrants in priority order, since seating in initial classes may be limited.

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“Special Notice Regarding Disadvantaged Business Enterprises”

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has designated various projects advertised in the Professional Transportation Bulletin as requiring participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). As a condition for any firm to be considered for a project requiring DBE participation, it must subcontract a minimum of the designated percent to a DBE. Each firm's letter must include a statement that it intends to subcontract the designated percent to a DBE.

To be considered as a prime consultant or subconsultant, a DBE must be prequalified with IDOT's Division of Highways' Bureau of Design and Environment (BDE). IDOT's Bureau of Small Business Enterprises (SBE) maintains a Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Directory of certified DBEs for the purpose of providing a reference source to assist firms. You can view/print and download the most current listing of DBE firms at IDOT's web site <http://www.dot.il.gov> under "Doing Business" "Small Business Enterprises" "Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Program/IL UCP DBE Directory." DBE firms who are prequalified by BDE and are interested in performing consultant work are listed under the UCP Directory by Category, Architecture/Engineering Sorted by firm. Any firm desiring to subcontract work to firms that are not certified DBEs should encourage them to become certified by contacting SBE's Certification Section at (217) 782-5490.

Failure to assign at least the designated percent to one or more DBEs or to demonstrate that a good faith effort was made to assign the designated percent shall result in one of the following:

1. Notification to the prime consultant that the Agreement will not be signed until the percentage of DBE participation is met.
2. The Agreement will be signed with the understanding that payments to the prime consultant will be reduced by an amount determined by multiplying the total Agreement fee by the designated percent and subtracting the dollar value of DBE subcontracts.
3. Contract negotiations will be terminated.

Upon completion of the contract, should it be determined the prime consultant failed to assign the designated percent to an eligible DBE or demonstrated that a good faith effort was made to assign the designated percent as agreed upon, payment to the prime consultant will be reduced by the amount set forth in number 2 above.

A complaint regarding any decision rendered by or action by any Division or Office of IDOT pursuant to these requirements may be filed with the Secretary of IDOT.

Notice of Availability of the English Survey Manager Database

An updated English Survey Manager Database (idote.smd) is available on the IDOT web site. The location of this file is on the CADD Support Home Page under Geopak Files>Database Files.

Highlight of changes:

A new category, Default Survey Codes, has been added to the hierarchical database structure. This category contains a 900 series of “default” point codes. The additions are as follows:

900-909	Default 2d point Level 1, Color 1 (blue), TH=7.5 TW=7.5 DTM Control – Not included
910-919	Default 3d point Level 1, Color 1 (blue), TH=7.5 TW=7.5 DTM Control – Not included
920-929	Default 2d string Level 1, Color 1 (blue), TH=7.5 TW=7.5 Linear Feature – Level 1, Color 1 (blue) DTM Control – Not included
930-939	Default 3d string Level 1, Color 1 (blue), TH=7.5 TW=7.5 Linear Feature – Level 1, Color 1 (blue) DTM Control – Include as Spot and Break

These additions have default symbologies with field comments enabled which will allow surveyors the ability to add miscellaneous point codes to the database. These point codes can then be manipulated while in the point edit or chain edit modes of Geopak.

An updated informational database in HTML format will also be available on the CADD Support Home Page under “Survey Point Code Descriptions”. This is available in English and Metric formats. Also included in this group is a Readme file, which details the use for this information.

NOTICE OF TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

LAKELAND COLLEGE TRAINING COURSES

Lakeland College will be conducting QC/QA Training again this year. Please visit the web-site for further information. Information or schedules can also be obtained by contacting Marlene Browning.

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Internet Homepage: <http://www.lakeland.cc.il.us/idotqcqa>

NATIONAL HIGHWAY INSTITUTE (NHI) COURSES

The National Highway Institute (NHI) Course listing as well as other pertinent information is available at the following address:

<http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/default.asp>

**Notice
Concerning
Exhibits A and B
Current Obligations
Disclosure Forms A and B**

Please review the documents listed above and use the latest version when submitting a Statement of Interest for the Professional Transportation Bulletin.

The Exhibits, Current Obligations and Disclosure Forms are available as Word documents and may be downloaded from our web-site:

<http://www.dot.il.gov/desenv/deform.html>

The bookmarks, listed in the bulletin, for the Exhibits, Current Obligations and Disclosure forms are also linked to the web-site.

The Word documents are labeled as follows:

Exhibits = **EXHAB**

Current Obligation Form = **CURRENT OBLIGATIONS**

Disclosure Forms = **DISC2**

NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

In order for us to verify your scanned in signature (on cover letters, Exhibit A and Disclosure Forms A and B) we request that you complete the Signature Certification for Electronic Submittals form and submit it to us in **hard-copy** immediately. A signature certification form must be completed for each individual that will be signing any of the above mentioned documents. **If you have previously submitted your Signature Certification and no new individual will be signing the documents you are not required to re-submit the document.**

Send Submittal to:
Illinois Department of Transportation
Ms. Cheryl Cathey
Bureau of Design and Environment
Attn: Consultant Unit (Room 330)
2300 South Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764

If you have questions, please contact me at or Carrie Kowalski at
KOWALSKICL@dot.il.gov

Signature Certification for Electronic Submittal
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Signature Certification For Electronic Submittals

I certify that my electronically scanned-in signature appearing in future electronic Statements of Interest and associated documents submitted by our firm is authorized to be affixed by the person doing so and will be binding on the firm.

(Firm) (Signature) (Title)

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____ I, _____

a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that

known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (he/she) signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as a free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and Notary Seal this _____ day of _____ A.D. _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

NOTICE FOR DOCUMENTATION OF CONTRACT QUANTITIES

Information regarding the Documentation of Contract Quantities can now be found on our web site (www.dot.il.gov) under Public Partners. The registration form, registration process and class format is available.

If you have questions regarding this class or the content on the web page, please email cbctraining@dot.il.gov.

Notice
Of Requirement For
Illinois Department Of Human Rights (IDHR)
Public Contract Number

Following selection, contract all proposal packages submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) must contain the firm's IDHR number and the expiration date. The Department is required by law to require this number from all parties contracting with the State of Illinois. If your firm currently does not have an IDHR number the application form may be obtained from the following web-site www.state.il.us/dhr/ or may also be obtained by contacting:

DHR, Public Contracts Section
Public Contracts Division
100 W. Randolph,
Suite 10-100
Chicago, IL 60601

or by calling: 312-814-2432 (TDD 312-263-1579)

NOTE: An IDHR public contract number is not required if the firm employs fewer than 15 employees.

NOTICE
Quality Assurance Testing / Complex Consultants

This notice is important for consultants who are, or wish to be, prequalified in the Quality Assurance (QA) Testing category. The requirement for accreditation of QA Testing laboratories has been phased in over the last two years. QA Testing labs must be fully accredited to be considered for any new contracts or to renew prequalification.

Note: Neither prequalification nor accreditation is required for consultants working directly for contractors, performing Quality Control (QC) activities.

Synopsis of requirements:

- The laboratory must be accredited under the AASHTO Accreditation Program (AAP). The AAP requires on-site inspections and participation in proficiency sample programs. The Portland cement concrete (PCC) inspections and proficiency programs are conducted by the Cement and Concrete Reference Laboratory (CCRL). The hot-mix asphalt (HMA) programs are conducted by the AASHTO Materials Reference Laboratory (AMRL). Either CCRL or AMRL can conduct the aggregate program for your lab. Both AMRL and CCRL are scheduled to be in Illinois this year.
- The laboratory shall be accredited in all of the test procedures specified in Bureau of Materials and Physical Research (BMPR) Policy Memorandum "Minimum Private Laboratory Requirements for Construction Materials Testing or Mix Design." The current policy (2001-01) can be found in the Manual of Test Procedures for Materials. An update is scheduled to be published soon and may be viewed or downloaded from the Department's Web site.
- Personnel performing materials testing for aggregate, PCC, and HMA shall have completed the appropriate QC/QA trained technician classes. Personnel performing soils field tests shall have completed IDOT class S-33, "Standard Earth Density."

The description of the prequalification categories, the SEFC, and the BMPR Policy Memo may be viewed or downloaded from the IDOT Internet Site: <http://www.dot.state.il.us>

Information about the AAP accreditation and AMRL programs may be found on the AMRL Web Site: <http://patapsco.nist.gov/amrl/home/index.asp>

Information about the CCRL inspection and proficiency sample programs may be found on the CCRL Web Site: <http://www.bfrl.nist.gov/862/ccrl/front.htm>

Questions may be addressed to your District Materials Engineer or the Central Bureau of Materials and Physical Research.

Notice Construction Guides and Manuals - Memorandums

The Department's Construction Guides, Manuals and Memorandum are available on our web-site at the following address: <http://www.dot.state.il.us/dobuisns.html>

The Manual Sales Order Form is also available at the following address:
<http://www.dot.state.il.us/desenv/orderform.html>